

### 2-year Education Initiative

- 20 locations/providers of 2-year education and programs in Montana.
- The MUS is working to develop a more coordinated system of 2-year education.
- Planning funds received from Making Opportunity Affordable grant.

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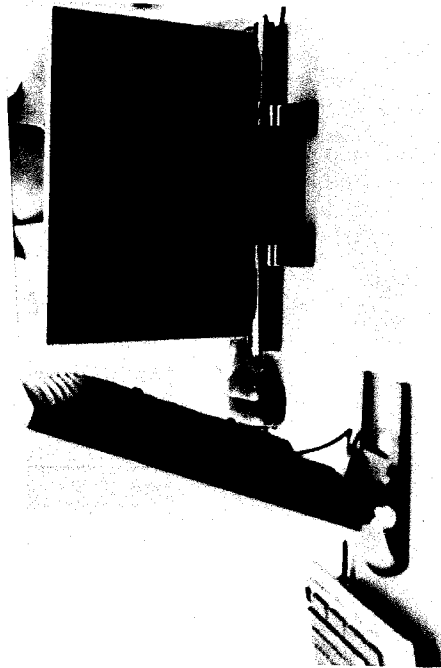
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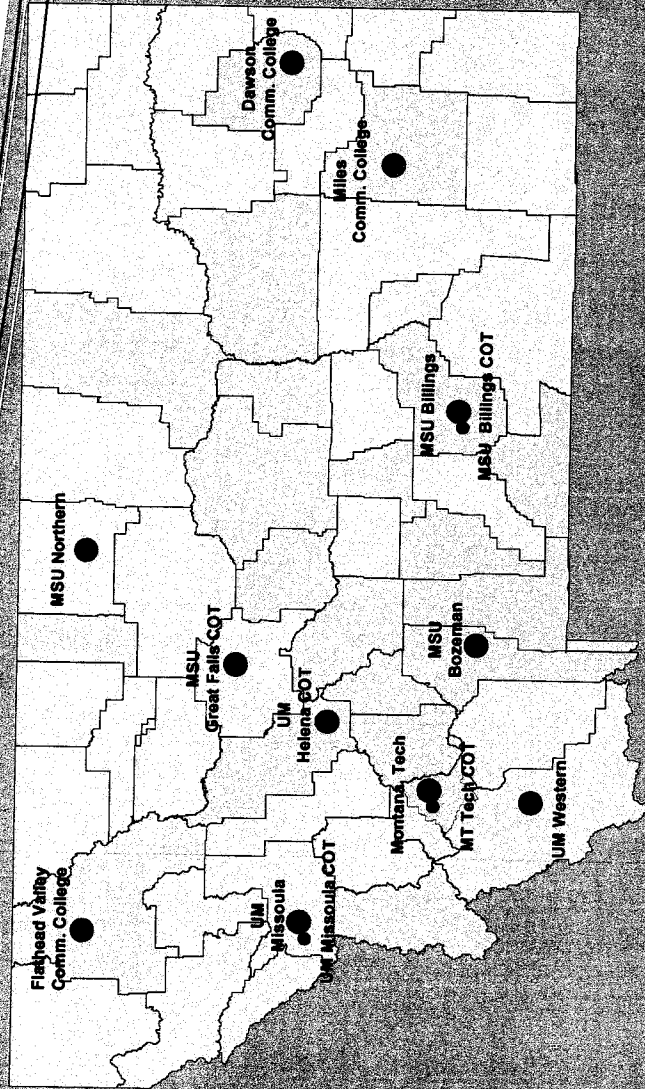
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# Montana System

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Quick Facts  
2008-09



## MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Unduplicated Headcount (Fall 2008)  
= 42,395 students

Total Student FTE (FY 2008)  
= 35,556 FTE

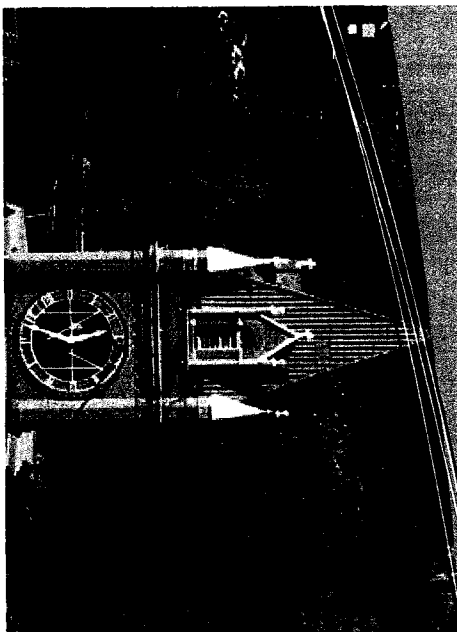
Resident Student FTE (FY 2008)  
= 28,338 FTE

Total Graduates (2007-08)  
= 7,994 graduates

% of Students 18-24 yr. old (Fall 2008)  
= 69%

# Enrollment, Budget, & Initiatives

## MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM



### ENROLLMENT

Fall 2008 marks the highest Fall enrollment in Montana University System history.

Over the past ten years, enrollment in the MUS increased by more than 2,000FTE.

#### Montana University System FTE by Institution Type

|           | FY98   | FY08   | difference<br>98 to 08 |
|-----------|--------|--------|------------------------|
| Flagships | 20,660 | 21,627 | 967                    |
| BA/MA     | 7,578  | 7,445  | -133                   |
| 2-year    | 5,192  | 6,483  | 1,292                  |
| Total     | 33,430 | 35,556 | 2,126                  |

Resident students comprise approximately 80% of all enrollments.

72% of MT residents earning degrees are employed in-state within six months following graduation.

### BUDGET

In FY09, the University System's current unrestricted budget (for education and general operating) is \$362 million for MUS education units.

Of that \$362 million, \$155 million or 43% is provided by the state. The remaining portion comes from student tuition.

The MUS total budget includes federal funds for research and student aid, auxiliary funds from student housing and room and board, activity funds, and proprietary funds to support workers compensation and self-funded benefits programs.

**Efficiency & Productivity:** The Montana University System is one of the most efficient and effective systems of higher education in nation:

- **Efficiency:** MT ranks 47th in the nation in educational appropriations per student.
- **Productivity:** MT ranks among the top states in the nation in the number of bachelor degrees awarded per 100 students enrolled.

Montana consistently ranks among the top ten states in the nation for the number bachelor's degrees produced per student headcount.

### INITIATIVES

In the 2009 Biennium, the MUS focused on two primary system-wide initiatives.

**Transferability Initiative:** In November 2007, the Board of Regents passed a policy requiring all undergraduate courses to go through a process of common course numbering.

- Now, all equivalent courses must possess the same course subject code, course number, and title: AND automatically transfer between all MT campuses.
- Currently, over 2,500 courses in 12 disciplines have gone through the Common Course Numbering process.
  - Course alignments can be viewed on a central website located at [mus.edu](http://mus.edu)

- Distance Learning Initiative:** Over the past 2-years efforts have been made to centralize and coordinate distance learning offerings throughout the System.
- In Fall 2008, more than 7,000 students enrolled in at least one on-line course.
  - Since 2001, the number of students enrolled in on-line courses has increased from 2,000 to 7,000.
  - More than 50 degree programs are offered on-line and can be found at [mus.edu/online](http://mus.edu/online).

